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**EDITOR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM** — San Antonio Express and News publisher Charles O. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Kilpatrick discuss publication techniques with communications majors during recent visit. Both lectured in various classes and spent a full day advising students interested in journalistic careers. Pictured with the visitors are students JoAnn Alderson, Kenneth Hayes and Dianna Greenleaf.

#### Dr. Thomas at College Station

## Graduates Need to Seek Goals, Define Missions

Texas A&M University's mid-term graduates were urged in December to make a "positive difference" in life by defining their missions and then committing themselves to success and good use of time.

The advice was given by Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, president of Prairie View A&M University, Texas A&M's sister school in the statewide teaching, research and public service system headquartered here.

A record 1,418 degrees were bestowed, including a Ph.D awarded posthumously to John Mallory Davis who was murdered July 3 in Brazil in a feud over land ownership.

Fifty-five of the new graduates received military commissions at ceremonies

which included an address by Gen. Samuel Jaskilka, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps.

Thomas assured the new graduates there is much room for them to make a difference. "With the exception of some phases of technological development," Thomas said, "neither Texas nor the U.S.A. is the leader in any area of human development."

He said challenges are readily apparent in such fields as health, unemployment, government, communications, youth leadership and aging.

Citing the need for a clearly defined mission, Dr. Thomas pointed out that too many people and institutions are not sure where they are going.

#### Forty-Nine Approved

## PV-ites Elected to Who's Who In American Universities

A total of 49 Prairie View A&M University students have been approved for final listing in the publication — Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1976-77.

The selections were made following recommendations by deans, department heads and other staff members, according to Rev. W. Van Johnson, Director of Student Activities who chaired the selection committee. The committee was made up of faculty and staff members and students.

Other considerations included academics, extra-curricular activities, and citizenship. Top priority was given to Junior and Senior Students with accumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0.

Students elected include: Monica A. Allums, Houston; Irma R. Balthazar, Houston; Stanley Bell, Houston; Gwendolyn Bellard, Houston; Ernest Burke, Birmingham, Alabama; Dianne Calhoun, Hempstead; Pamela Cleaver, Port Arthur; Samuel Coleman,

Shreveport, Louisiana; Olympia Daniels, Hallsville; Carolyn Davis, Prairie View; Henry L. Dean, Nassau, Bahamas; Pavlon Everett, Daingerfield; Anita Fincher, Texas City; James Franklin, Edna; Wilfred Glass, Nassau, Bahamas; Debra Henson, Dickinson; Horace Hodge, Houston; Valerie Holmes, Killeen; Willie Horton, San Antonio; Larry Jernigan, Marshall; Earnest Johnson, Houston; Oswald Johnson, Nassau, Bahamas; Brenda Kirby, Hempstead; Ann Lewis, Houston; Deborah Long, Texas City; Valenna Lord, Marlin; Moses Madjemite, Nigeria, Africa; Gerode Maney, ; Jessie Northcutt, Atlanta; Carla V. Page, Redwater; Roy Glenn Perry, Houston; Doris Peterson, Columbus, Georgia; Frederick V. Roberts, Nassau, Bahamas; William G. Roberts, Nassau, Bahamas; Carolyn Robinson, Houston; Hillery Robinson, Port Arthur; Marco Rolle, Nassau, Bahamas; Ronald Salmond, Austin; Isaac Smith, Houston; Roger Craig Smith, Nassau, Bahamas; Sheryl Stewart, Houston; Marvella Stringfellow, Houston; Mary Tempton, Prairie View; Evelyn Tyson, Garland; Cleveland Watts, San Augustine; William Whiteside, Cameron; Thomas Wilborn, Houston; Debra Williams, Houston; Patricia Williams, Dallas; Edward Zuniga, San Antonio.

"Let me offer the suggestion that you define success as the attainment of your goals," added the 10-year president of Prairie View, "and that this attainment should contribute positively, and not negatively, to people and society."

## City of Prairie View Gets Million Dollar Grant

The City of Prairie View is in line to receive almost \$1 Million funding under the Public Works bill of 1976, passed by Congress last year.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's Washington office advised that the Economic Development Administration had given tentative approval of \$966,321.00 to Prairie View for public works projects.

Final approval is expected on the project which includes a public water supply distribution system, water well and pumping plant, ground and elevated storage, and a public works facility building.

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**ROTC COMMISSIONING** — A mid-year graduating midshipman receives a special award along with his commission in The U.S. Navy during services held in December. Several other Army and Navy ROTC graduates were so honored. (See photos on inside pages)

## First Black Named To Texas A&M Board

Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed or reappointed six persons to the boards of regents of the University of Texas and the Texas A&M University Systems Tuesday, including the naming of the first black to the A&M board.

Dr. John B. Coleman, a Houston gynecologist and businessman was named to the A&M Board and will be the first black in the institution's 100 year history to serve on the governing body of the statewide

system of colleges and services which includes Prairie View A&M. Dr. Coleman is a graduate of Fisk University and Howard University.

Gov. Briscoe's action in naming a black Regent follows recommendations made over several years by many interested groups including black legislators and political leaders as well as the alumni, faculty and students of Prairie View A&M.

## Political Science Prof. to Attend Inauguration

Professor Hulen Davis has received an invitation to attend the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America and Walter Mondale as Vice President on Thursday, January 20 in Washington, D.C.

The Political Science Department

head is planning to attend the ceremonies. Mr. Davis was active as a democratic campaign leader in the effort to elect Mr. Carter and Mr. Mondale.



**Hulen Davis**  
Political Science Dept. Head

## Education Board Votes To Unseat PV's Alexander

The State Board of Education voted 15-8 recently to unseat a newly-elected black board member from Houston on the ground that he is a state employee.

Raymond Alexander, an assistant professor of Prairie View A&M, said he would appeal the board's action to the courts.

Unless successfully challenged in court, the board itself will select a new member from that district.

Board Chairman Joe Kelly Butler, also from Houston, said that the procedure would take about 90 days.

Board members rejected a motion to obtain an attorney general's opinion on Alexander's eligibility.

Butler said the question of eligibility arose after Alexander submitted a standard biographical form to the board which showed that he was employed at Prairie View.

At that point, the board asked Atty. Gen. John Hill for an opinion on Alexander's eligibility, but Hill declined to give one because he said he believed a lawsuit had been filed challenging Alexander's right to serve.

State law says that a person may not be elected to, or serve on the board if he is employed by the state.

Butler relied on a December 29, 1972, opinion by Hill, holding ineligible a person who was employed as a public school teacher.

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**WINNERS IN ORAL INTERPRETATION** — Three PV students received trophies for their participation in Interpretation, public speaking and debate. Ken Edmonson (right) won an "excellent" rating and Irma Balthazar and William Clay earned "superior" rankings during the Intercollegiate Speech Tournament in San Marcos.



Prairie View president is shown speaking at Texas A&M Commencement in G. Rollie White Auditorium.





**SPEAKER HONORED** — Dr. John King, president of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin receives Appreciation plaque from PV presented to him by Vice President George R. Ragland. Dr. King was the speaker at the Mid-Year Commissioning Exercises.



**CADET COMMANDER RUFINO Garcia** gets help with his bars from his wife and General John King.



**ARMY GRADUATES** include Monroe Glenn, Samuel Harrison, Rufino Garcia, Alonzo Sargent, James Bell and Jackie Garrett.



**NAVY-MARINES** — Phillip Jackson [Marines], Elmo Jackson, Larry Parker, Charles Boone and Marvell Jackson.

## Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society Ministers Conference Planned

### Holds Annual Fall Initiation

The Members of the Alpha Mu Gamma National Honor Society for Foreign Languages held its Annual Fall initiation on Thursday, December 9, 1976. Included among the initiates are: Peggy Archer, Nassau, Bahamas; Charles M. Curry, Marshall; Dianne Davis, Houston; Janette Davis, Nas-

sau, Bahamas; Sharon Hayes, Omaha; Paula Ratliff, Houston; Prince Rolle, Nassau, Bahamas; and Crossley Walkine, Nassau, Bahamas.

Membership is open to all students who have obtained at least two grades of "A" and one of "B" or higher, in university

### Army-Navy—

## Mid-Year Commissioning

### Exercises Held December 10

ROTC Commissioning Exercises for both Army and Navy were held in the Memorial Center Ballroom on December 10.

The speaker for the occasion was Brig. General John Q. T. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas. General King also administered the oath and President A. I. Thomas presented commissions.

Students who received commissions in the United States Army as second lieutenants were: James R. Bell, Infantry Corps; Rufino Garcia, Medical Services Corps; Jackie E. Garrett, Medical Services

Corps; Ricky O. Garrett, Signal Corps; Monroe D. Glenn, Armor Corps; Sammie L. Harrison, Air Defense Artillery Corps; Alonzo O. C. Sargent, U.S. Army Reserve; Robert Smith, Armor Corps; William B. Whiteside, Armor Corps (Regular Army).

Candidates for Commissions in the United States Navy and Marine Corps in the Grades of Ensign and Second Lieutenants include: Charles L. Boone, II, U.S. Naval Reserve; Elmo T. Jackson, U.S. Navy; Marvel T. Jackson, U.S. Navy; Phillip M. Jackson, U.S. Marine Corps; Larry W. Parker, U.S. Naval Reserve.

## Phi Beta Omega Provides A Royal Christmas

The Royals of Phi Beta Omega made it possible for Mrs. Lois Jean Boulds of Hempstead to provide her family of nine with an unforgettable Christmas that lasted through the New Years, by providing each child of her family with toys and supplying more than enough food to last through the New Year for the family. This was a last minute project and it occurred during final exams, but the brothers and sisters of Royals could not go home for Christmas knowing that this family would not celebrate a successful Christmas as they were planning to.

We know the Boulds enjoyed

a beautiful Christmas and we hope that all of you of the Prairie View family had a Christmas of the same magnitude.

### OFFICERS

President, Donald Allen; Vice-President, Christus V. Powell; Recording Secretary, Cynthia Wolridge; Corresponding Secretary, Victor Powell; Treasurer, Helen Whiteside; Chaplain, Casey Hickman; Historian, Walter Dean; Sergeant-at-Arms, Randy Williams; Reporter, James Hawthorne; Dean of Pledges, James Hawthorne; Asst. Dean of Pledges, Phillip Wade.

James Hawthorne  
Reporter

## Scholarship Awarded

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has awarded a \$500 Scholarship to Miss Beverly Veal, a Department of Accounting Major. Miss Veal is a native of Lexington, Texas and a graduate of Lexington High school of that city. She is currently in her senior year of study in accounting.

Department of Accounting Head, Charles Wright, indicated that the Institute awards such scholarships to minority undergraduate accounting stu-

dents on a renewable, semi-annual basis. The maximum scholarship awarded under this program is \$1,000 per academic year. Students majoring in accounting may obtain information about this scholarship program from the Department of Accounting, Old Science Building, Room 301.

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out. —James Bryant Conant.

The Reverend R. L. Brown, Pastor of Saint Paul A.M.E. Church, Houston, Texas will serve as Chairman for the Ninetieth Annual ministers' Conference to be held February 1 & 2, 1977 at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. The Theme for the Conference is: "The Role Of The Christian Ministry For The New Era." "We are anticipating over 350 Ministers across the State of Texas to attend the Conference," Rev. W. Van Johnson, Dean of the Chapel, stated.



Rev. R. L. Brown

## Hall Seeks Relief in PV Student Voting Case

State Representative Anthony Hall has pre-filed a bill for consideration by the 65th Texas Legislature to allow students to choose their place of residence for voting purposes to be where they lived before becoming students or where they reside while attending school.

Hall's bill, House Bill 110, will amend part of the Texas Election Code.

"The need for House Bill 110 came about through the unfortunate circumstances in which many students of Prairie View A&M University found themselves when they attempted to register to vote in Waller County," Hall stated. "In or college foreign-language courses.

Officers for the 1976-77 school year are: Kenneth Edmonson, President; Frederic Roberts, Vice-President; Jessie Northcutt, Secretary and Arleen Kimble, Treasurer. Mrs. Olivette Higgs and Mrs. Mamie McCloud are the sponsors for the Society.

Waller County the tax assessor-collector attempted to determine for the students where they should be registered to vote. Although the Secretary of State intervened in the matter, his lack of enforcement power in this area made it impossible to correct the situation.

"It is my interpretation that the intent of the Texas Election Code as it now stands is to allow students to determine their place of residency themselves. Unfortunately, this intent continues to be violated. Full-time students who live most of the time where they attend school are more a part of that community's life than the life of the community where they resided before becoming students. I think House Bill 110 will clear up this matter once and for all, by simplifying the language in the Election Code to leave determination of voting residency up to the student."

Hall begins his third term from Houston's Legislative District 85 with the beginning of the 65th session in January.



**PV GRAD DECORATED** — Lt. Col. Tenonia Cunningham, PV grad from San Antonio, retiring from the Army after 20 years' active service, received the Legion of Merit in a retirement ceremony at Headquarters Fifth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Friday, December 17.

He was cited for outstanding service as chief of the Army Readiness Group's maintenance assistance and instruction team (MAIT) from July 1973 to December 1976. Col. Robert G. Cooper, Group chief, made the presentation.

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**DEBATERS, ORAL INTERPRETERS AND COACH** — Pictured clockwise are Jackie Thompson, Irma Plathazar, Ken Edmonson, Charlotte Maney, Christopher Toote, Phyllis Wallace, Dr. Miliard Eiland, Arun Jain, Gwylan Wright, and Patricia Burris. [Not pictured William Clay].

## Conference for Faculty and Student Leaders Held

The annual Mid-Year Faculty and Student Leaders Renewal Conference was held in Alumni Hall on January 4-5.

The theme for the two day workshop was "1977: A year for more positive decisions at Prairie View A&M University."

President A. I. Thomas addressed the conference's opening session on Tuesday, January 4. He spoke on the subject — "The Legislative Year: Positive Decision 1977." The second general session

centered around the Southern Association Self-Study scheduled for 1978-79. Presenters for the session included Dr. Waymon Webster, Dean, Graduate School; Dr. Eura O. Burks, Head, Counselor Education and Dr. G. R. Ragland, Vice President, Academic Affairs.

A third session gave consideration to a plan of action for completion of 1977 Academic planning Model goals. Ten staff members made

presentations on the topic, including Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, Mr. Hulen Davis, Dr. Edward Martin, Dr. Marion Henry, Dr. Maurice Mills, Mr. A. D. Greaux, Dr. S. R. Collins, Dr. Frank Hawkins, Dr. Flossie M. Byrd and Miss Shirley Staples.

Other sessions covered university-wide programs including (1) Faculty Performance Review System, Student Recruitment and Retention; and Operation Success.

### GROUP I

Booker, Clarissa  
Cloud, Benjamin  
Collins, Dorothy  
Doctor, Vasant  
Gibson, Robert E.  
Henry, Robert A.  
Jackson, T. V.  
Jones, Larry  
Lott, Mary M.  
Olmedo, Juliano  
Smith, Howard  
Patterson, John  
Webster, Waymon

### GROUP II

Bonner, Pauline  
Collier, Savannah  
Dawson, Alma  
Henry, Marion  
Jones, Howard  
Londow, Mattie  
Oliver, Pedro  
Russell, Johnnie C.  
Shine, Theodis  
Parker, Mary  
Webster, Bernice

### GROUP III

Bonner, Harold  
Cole, Robert V.  
Dabney, Ruby F.  
Garrett, Conally  
Hendricks, Harry  
Jones, Joyce  
Lokey, James  
Neufville, Mortimer  
Scott, David E.  
Tramble, March  
Thornton, Evelyn  
Webster, Bennie M.

### GROUP IV

Biggers, A. J.  
Blake, Jo Ann  
Cole, Larry  
Curtis, Wilson A.  
Frazier, J. A.  
Gardner, Jomer J.  
Hendricks, Enyce  
Jones, Harding L.  
Lindsey, Samuel  
Nelson, Lauretta  
Richardson, Lee Van  
Thomas, Emma J.  
Weaver, Leroy C.  
Yeldell, Florida

### GROUP V

Black, Nancy M.  
Carter, Purvis  
Craig, Walter  
Frazier, Freddie  
Henderson, Lee  
Hebron, Robert  
Johnson, W. Van  
Lenoir, Blanchard  
Murphy, Sam  
Ryder, Hollie A.

Thomas, Curtis  
Weatherspoon, Lindsey  
Yeh, Hsiang Y.

### GROUP VI

Berry, Jewel E.  
Carter, Jean  
Coleman, Linda  
Faine, LaVarn  
Francis, Frank  
Hearn, Albert  
Johnson, Erric J.  
Leverett, Ronald  
Moore, Francis  
Moye, Glen  
Rollins, Bernice  
Tyler, Esther D.  
Washington, Marcella  
Wylie, Neta

### GROUP VII

Bell, Willie J.  
Carreathers, Raymond  
Coleman, Lee Roy  
Forte, Paul  
Hayes, Richard D.  
James, Lonnie  
Johnson, Burnis  
Ledbetter, Frankie B.  
Moore, Carl  
Robinson, Junius  
Taylor, Willie  
Washington, Arthur C.  
Wyatt, Lucius

### GROUP VIII

Bell, Billie J.  
Carney, Charles P.  
Clem, William W.  
Forte, Eula  
James, Advergus  
James, Ralph  
Monroe, John  
Richards, Freddie  
Taylor, Herman  
Walters, William  
Wintz, Celia Janet  
Wright, Hoover J.

### GROUP IX

Ashe, Willarene R.  
Beasley, John  
Byrd, Flossie M.  
Clark, Ross  
Fontenot, Dewey  
Hawkins, Frank  
Jain, Lal Chand  
Lambeth, Carl  
Lea, Donald  
Mills, Maurice  
Rice, Mitchell  
Tankersley, John  
Walker, Williams  
Wright, Charles W.

### GROUP X

Battle, Joseph  
Burns, Marvin  
Clark, Mary

Fillyaw, Harold  
Hawkins, Dorisula  
Hooker, Olivia Kinnan  
Jacket, Barbara  
Kynard, Alfred  
McCloud, Mamie J.  
Reid, William E.  
Talley, Clarence  
Thiagarajan, Kuttalam  
Woolfolk, George  
Burks, Eura O.  
Christopher, Clyde  
Evans, Reda B.  
Harvey, Clinnon  
Hurst, Jesse  
Jones, Fred  
Lloyd, Clarence  
Matthews, Brenda  
Coleman

Rawls, John  
Sumner, Victor  
Tompkins, Obra  
Woods, Johnnie J.

### GROUP XII

Baines, Neal  
Brown, Marshall V.  
Charleston Cube  
Engram, Lewis  
Hall, Walter J.  
Hunter, Betty J.  
Kizer, Dorothy  
Martin, Elizabeth A.  
Rao, Anasuya  
Sullivan, Annie C.  
Taylor, Jimmizine  
Tompkins, Myrtle B.  
Wood, Curtis A.

### GROUP XIII

Ashford, James T.  
Brown, George  
Chapman, William  
English, Leon  
Grossman, Gwendolyn  
Hunt, Delia M.  
Kithcart, Phillip  
Martin, Edward W.  
Rao, R. N. S.  
Strickland, Cecil  
Tate, Anderson  
Wilson, Ural

### GROUP XIV

Arnold, Ruth  
Brossette, Alvin  
Eiland, Millard  
Greaux, Austin E.  
Humphrey, Ronald D.  
Kirkpatrick, David A.  
Martin, Conrad L.  
Mayberry, James  
Randolph, Marilyn  
Stewart, A. D.  
Thomas, Richard G.  
Wilson, Dorothy

### GROUP XV

Edwards, Charles T.  
Gray, Frederick  
Hopkins, Newt  
Kinney, Robert L.  
Manning, Archie  
Peoples, L.  
Randle, Charles F.  
Starling, Irene D.  
Pierre, Thelma  
Williams, Willie  
Wright, Thomas W.

### GROUP XVI

Andoh, Christian K.  
Chang, Ing  
Edmondson, Vance  
Gray, Barbara  
Hood, Willa  
King, Vera R.  
Mongaroo, Jewellean  
Ragland, George  
Staples, Shirley  
Perry, Geraldine  
Williams, Percy

### GROUP XVII

Alexander, Raymond  
Brams, Eugene  
Cooper, Cornelius  
Edmond, Thetis, C.  
Goodman, Jennifer  
Hill, Tommie  
Mangaroo, Arthur  
Newsome, Amos  
Poindexter, Jimmie P.  
Stafford, George  
Parker, William  
Williams, Marion

### GROUP XVIII

Adams, Willie  
Boyden, Lloyd  
Cooksey, Dymple C.  
Edmond, Cheryl  
Good, Samuel M.  
Higgs, Hattie O.  
Kendall, William  
Maddox, Weldon  
Malone, Tommie  
Poindexter, Alfred N.  
Spiller, Patricia  
Plyler, Royce E.  
Williams, John

### GROUP XIX

Bowman, Dorothy  
Collins, Samuel R.  
Davis, Hulen M.  
Goble, Anna  
Hestand, Donald  
Kallie, Freddie  
Mack, Joseph  
Outly, Ernestine  
Solomon, Pearl  
Plummer, Elwood  
Williams, J. C.

## Teacher Educator Tours The Soviet Union

Dr. A. T. Kynard, Teacher Educator and Professor of Industrial Education at Prairie View A&M University, returned recently from a two-week educational study tour of the Soviet Union (November 22-December 3, 1976). Dr. Kynard was one of 121 educators who participated in seminars in several types of educational institutions of the Soviet Union including the Universities of Leningrad and Moscow, the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences in Moscow and Novosibirsk (science city in Siberia), vocational schools and English language schools. A series of exchanges of ideas and information about education in the United States and in the Soviet Union were arranged by Soviet officials.

The study tour was sponsored by Phi Delta Kappa and Pi Lambda Theta, professional societies in education and the Kent State University Center for the Study of Socialist Education. Cities visited included Leningrad, Moscow and Novosibirsk. Enroute and returning stops were made in Copenhagen, Denmark. The point of departure and return was New York City. The group consisted of educators from 35 states and the District of Columbia.

This was the second visit to the Soviet Union by Dr. Kynard. In August 1974 he made a grand tour of European Russia which included Leningrad, Volgograd, Sochi, Tbilisi, Kiev, and Moscow.

A. I. Kynard

## Alexander —

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Alexander said he had taken the oath of office in Houston prior to appearing at Saturday's board meeting.

Board member Jane Wells of Austin said it was "a matter of public knowledge" that the lawsuit contesting Alexander's election "has been thrown out."

"We have no reason to believe the attorney general would not assist us with a definition of our responsibility on the eligibility of candidates," she said.

## Engineer's Week Activities Set

The annual Engineer's Week observance in the Houston area is scheduled on February 13-19.

The Student Awards Luncheon will be held this year at Prairie View A&M. The annual luncheon is scheduled on Wednesday, February 16.

Prairie View's College of Engineering is a part of the San Jacinto Chapter of National Society of Professional Engineers.

### GROUP XX

Abrams, William  
Booker, Joe  
Collins, Johnny B.  
Davidson, David  
Gilliard, Clifton  
Hebert, Victor  
Jordan, Kenneth  
Luke, Cheng, Tien  
Orman, Bill  
Smith, Seab  
Phillips, Joseph R.  
Williams, Ernest P.  
Williams, Johnnie

## Funeral Services Held for O. J. Thomas Retired Leader

Funeral services for O. J. Thomas, 82, retired Prairie View A&M University official, are scheduled Thursday (January 13) at 2:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Hempstead, Texas.

The former director of the Prairie View Interscholastic League died Monday afternoon at his home in Prairie View following a long time illness. The Reverend Robert McGee, Pastor of Prairie View First Methodist Church will officiate the services and Reverend W. Van Johnson, Prairie View A&M Chaplain, will deliver the eulogy. Arrangements are being handled by Jones Mortuary of Navasota, Texas. Burial is scheduled for Prairie View Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Thomas' services to Prairie View and the State of Texas spanned a period from 1938 through 1964. A 1926 graduate of the University, he served in the College of Agriculture and was itinerant teacher trainer for several years. He was also principal for several years at the high school named for him in Cameron, Texas.

He was best known for his outstanding services as director of the Texas Interscholastic League and placement office at Prairie View. The League office, which he was first to head on a full time basis, served all Texas public schools attended by blacks in the years prior to 1970.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bessie A. Thomas, retired public school administrator and teacher, Prairie View and Waller, two sisters: Mrs. Lorraine Baldwin and Mrs. Sara Lee Hardaway, and one brother: M. C. Thomas, all of Galveston.

## Memorial Services Held for Princess Ann Smith

Sisters of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc. and Sisters of Counter Guerrilla-ettes sponsored a Memorial Service in Memory of Princess Ann Smith on Thursday, December 16 in the Memorial Center.

Rev. Van Johnson delivered the Eulogy and remarks were given by Mrs. Delia Hunt.

Mrs. Princess Ann Smith, was born to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Smith, July 23,

### GOOD GRUB FROM TRAVELING KITCHENS

Some of the best beef meals ever came out of a wagon — the Chuck Wagon. This traveling kitchen of cattle-drive fame was named after its inventor, Charles "Chuck" Goodnight, in the 1850s.



O. J. Thomas — 1894-1977



**FORMER PV PROF PASSES — Dr. C. H. Nicholas, a staff member at the college for many years died of a heart attack in Florida recently and services were held Monday. A chemistry professor, Dr. Nicholas left PV to teach at Central Michigan.**



Princess A. Smith

1954, in Houston, Texas. She attended Linden-Kildare High School in Linden, Texas before coming to Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

She was a Junior Clothing and Merchandising major, an active member of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc., and also an active member of the Counter Guerrillaettes.

She leaves to mourn her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Jackson, Palestine, Texas; one sister, Kathy Jackson, Palestine, Texas; three brothers, Prentice E. Smith, Jefferson, Texas; Lorenzo and Johnny Jackson, Palestine, Texas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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## Future Fashions Show Set For Houston's Music Hall

FOY Society, incorporated's (Friend of Youth) scholarship division will sponsor current and future fashions as shown and worn by models from the fabulous Vogue-Esquire Entourage, March 6, 1977 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Music Hall, 800 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas.

The public is invited to attend this spectacular show which promises to surpass previous showings by any fashion models.

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\*Students must present I.D.

## San Antonio Publisher Speaks Here



Mr. Kilpatrick talks journalism with student photographer Timmy Brown.



Mr. and Mrs. Kilpatrick pose with Mass Communication Department Head Shirley Staples and Publications Director C. A. Wood.

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PRE-CHRISTMAS SCENE — Students at lunch in Alumni Hall decorated in Holiday Spirit.

## The Philosophical Changes in the Design of Dormitories at PV

By Dwayne Revis

The evolutionary changes that have taken place in the design of the dormitories here manifest themselves quite clearly. One only has to look at Foster and Holley Halls, for example, and see the striking differences which are not only evolutionary, but can also be termed revolutionary.

The primary reason for this metamorphosis is, of course, the great financial gains the university has made since that bygone era when Foster Hall was new. Holley seems luxurious compared to Foster, Schumacher, and the rest. There are other reasons, however, that go much deeper, and are much more profound. These reasons, I will attempt to explore.

The period in which the older dormitories were designed was one eons removed from the present. Life was the antithesis of what it is today. People did not move as fast, everything was at a slower, more languid pace. People seemed to have more time for themselves and others. There was a warmth, a compassionate air between them. The family unit was still strong, and the neighborliness seemed to almost be taken for granted; in essence, people cared about each other.

The architecture reflected the attitude of the times. The older dormitories here at Prairie View exemplify the architectural designs of the period. The university was smaller then, consequently there were fewer students to house. The dormitories were smaller, much more intimate and conducive to retaining that family-life atmosphere the students had been used to. The spaces were smaller, no huge, cold, empty areas. Great care and time was put into their construction, albeit they do look somewhat busy with their ornate carvings, bric-a-brac, and facades. They are probably more structurally sound than Drew or Holley will be in seventy years. The buildings, in effect, have a style, that the passage of time has only enhanced. Schumacher and Foster Halls, had they received the upkeep they needed and deserved would be considered prime housing to the older more mature students.

Recent times, however, have brought about a faster, more hectic pace. Everything must be done as quickly as possible. Time, after all, is money, and one must get as much of that as one can; even though it may mean throwing something

together in a careless manner. People have lost that closeness, that warmth, for one another, and are becoming increasingly self-centered and mercenary. We no longer have that communal relationship with each other just for the sake of the togetherness it brings. No, we are now individuals or we form our own cliques — if associating with members of this group is to our advantage. The arts, as usual, are mirrors of the times. The architectural designs today leave one somewhat intimidated by their slickness, cleanliness, coldness, and overall sterility. Straight lines, flat planes, huge spaces that leave people feeling minuscule and overpowered.

Prairie View's newest dormitories, Holley and Drew Halls, are good cases in point. They are both huge structures that house hundreds of people, at a time, and may be a little awe-inspiring because of the sheer size of the buildings. Holley, though to these 1970's conditioned eyes, is quite pleasing to look at, does exude a little coolness. The building just does not have that friendly air that the older dormitories have. The designers did try to relieve this problem by grouping a number of rooms together in individual sections or "bay areas," and it does give the residents a feeling of togetherness, I suppose, but the overall effect is not very encouraging. Granted there are many more students to house now, than there were seventy years ago, but, I think Holley could have been made a bit more liveable, a bit more human.

The coming trend, I think, will be more of the same. The isolation, the coldness will be a part of architecture for many decades to come. The sleek sky-scrapers with their huge, gauche interiors will be with us for some time. The mirrored glass and steel that rise one-hundred and fifty stories blocking the sky, holding in the fumes, making people feel like helpless ants is the direction of modern architecture; which is not saying too much. Truthfully, it's a little depressing.

Speaking idealistically, however, architectural design should go on in the modern vein, one can't turn back the hands of time, but, designers should also go back, look and improve upon past design principles. Hindsight, after all is 20-20.

Admittedly the older dormitories have negative points, lots

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### The Cost of Caring

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin.

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The call of Jesus Christ is not a call to a life of ease. Jesus knew that his way of loving totally, caring deeply, forgiving completely, only caused him to suffer intensely. Yet his invitation to us is still, "Follow me."

In our culture, with its thin veneer of religious values, with church membership still equated to some degree with status and respectability, it is easy to forget what it really means to be a disciple of this Jesus. For if the call of Christ is heard, it is costly indeed.

The cost, however, is not paid in dollars; we pay in being vulnerable, in caring, in being hurt, in loving, in being misunderstood, in forgiving. The only symbol that finally can illumine the depth of our response to Christ is a cross — where life literally collides with death, and love collides with hate, and caring collides with rejection.

Today you are invited to consider and accept the vocation that your baptism places upon you, to break open the word ministry — the essence of your calling — until you can see that ministry is not an ordained function but the task of everyone who calls himself Christian.

As the author of Hebrews explains in today's lesson, "He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin."

When you were baptized, you were called to ministry.

Ministry is nothing less than one person becoming an agent of life for another. Ministry is caring, loving, forgiving — across all the barriers of life that separate the human family. We Christians are called to enhance being, to spread love, to create life; and that can only be done if we are willing to give ourselves away, as Jesus Christ first did for us.

Before St. Paul became a Christian, his life was

of them, and my attitude may be somewhat atavistic, but the simplicity of design, the lack of pretense to grandeur, the just plain style the older dormitories have makes them more attractive to me than any of the newer more "modern" dormitories. The world needs a little more romanticism.

(P.S. I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to Mr. Wesley Henderson of the architecture department here at PVA&MU for his inspirational exuberance.)

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relatively safe. He found goodness in observing rules and in keeping laws. He felt no personal risk, no inner doubt. He judged everything by external standards. Right and wrong were clearly defined by the religious laws, and Saul of Tarsus was not required by his belief to love anyone who did not abide by his standards, and thus deserve his anger and rejection. Saul was secure in his confidence, safe in his parameters; so it brought him no pain to lead the persecution movement.

But when Saul met his Lord, all that certainty disappeared. The new man Paul discovered that love and caring could have no boundaries. No life could be placed beyond his concern. No one, not even his tormentors, could be outside his compassion.


The Christian Paul was to write: "Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not hurt and indignant?" The call of the Christ is a plea for all safety barriers to fall away under the pressure of an infinite capacity to care. It is a call to an incredible openness, to deep risk, to personal vulnerability, to the possibility of an unending hurt.

No one knew better than Jesus that this kind of love has a price. "In this world you shall have tribulation" he said. And again "If anyone would follow me, let him take up his cross." To love completely, to care totally, to live with vulnerability, to bear seemingly intolerable risks, to give ourselves away as agents of life across every barrier that scared and hurting human beings erect against each other — that is what it means to follow Christ, to be a Christian. That is what it means to accept and participate in the ministry of the church, a ministry that belongs to you just as totally and completely as it belongs to any ordained person.

Is such a life possible?

Yes, it is; but only if we find through worship the eternal rock of ages that stands beyond life's changes and chances, only when we are in touch with the ultimate ground and source of life and being, the God who gives us a certainty beyond the hurt and grief and rejection of our human experience.

God alone can give you and me the security to risk ourselves in caring for others. God alone can stretch us beyond our limits and our fears. There is no other way.



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AKA Groups (Undergraduates and Graduates) during Christmas party.

## Students Participate In Field Research—

**Social Service Coordination in East Garland**

On Monday, November 29, 1976 a team of researchers from the Department of Economics, Geography and Social Science of Prairie View A&M University travelled to Garland, Texas to conduct a pilot study under the auspices of the City of Garland, Texas' Community Development Organization. This field study was conducted November 29, 1976 through December 1, 1976.

The research team consisted of Dr. Phillip E. Kithcart (acting head of the department) Principal Consultant; Thaddeus McDonald and Charles E. Cokes, Research Specialists and six student research

assistants of Prairie View A&M University namely: Joseph Pajaud; Lee Williams; Darilyn Pittman; Carolyn Jamerson; Lionel Evans; and Rowland C. Onyekwum.

This study will provide data and recommendations to the City of Garland for making improvements in the delivery of Social Services in East Garland. Based on an analysis of current services and the attitudes of the residents of East Garland, the project will develop a set of recommendations for the city regarding the delivery of existing services, the desirability of new programs, and the location and coordi-

tion of these services.

The study area (Census Tract #182; population 12,142 in 1970) multiethnic in character, has a higher minority population concentration than any of the city's Census Tracts. It also ranks last in median education and income levels and is fifth largest in household size.

The random sampling method was utilized in selecting the survey sample. A questionnaire was developed to collect the needed data. This questionnaire consisted of 45 items which were classified in three main sections, namely: Personal Characteristics; Residential Characteristics; and Social Service Characteristics.

Blacks comprised 85.7 percent of the sample; Caucasians and Mexican-Americans comprised 5.7 percent and 8.6 percent respectively.

The researchers were divided into three teams each headed by the Principal Consultant or one of the Research Specialists.

This is a joint research effort between Prairie View A&M University's Department of Economics, Geography and Social Science, and Texas A&M University's Department of Political Science.

Since thanks and appreciation are expressed to the six student research assistants of Prairie View A&M University for having done an excellent job and for having represented the University in such a professional manner.

**AKA Elects Officers**

The Zeta Gamma Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, elected a new slate of officers to take office at the start of the new year. The sorors elected were: Basileus, Kay Williams. Anti Basileus, Glenda Crow. Grametus, Sharon Adams. Anti Grametus, Karen Breaux. Lamichous, Sharee King. Epistoleus, Jeanette Davis. Dean of Pledges, Brenda Lakey. Asst. Dean, Aretta Carden. Hodegos, Emma Taylor. Parliamentarian, Johnnie Hamilton. March Masters, Sheryl Stewardt and Aretha Carden.

The sorority would like to thank the officers of the outgoing year and commend them for a job well done. Special thanks goes to our graduate advisor, Attis Baker Darnford.

Kay Williams  
Reporter

**Pink and Green Projects**

The Prairie View Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sponsored several projects this past month in cooperation with its national objectives. November was filled with the spirit of giving and the AKA's participated in this giving by choosing a family in the Hempstead area to give them two baskets of groceries. This family was adopted by the chapter and we will continue to help them.

December was plunged into by full participation in the observance of our brothers' Alpha Phi Alpha, Founders' Day, the featured speaker was Otis King, City Attorney, City of Houston.

December was also the month of a national program: the Annual Fall Retreat. The Prairie View Chapter of AKA sponsored this year's retreat on December 4. There were over nine chapters represented and several prestigious members of the Bolue and the Directorate. Several procedures were discussed and altered and the entire Retreat was a complete success.

The ascetic soror, Sharee King, made December 7, a night of songs. The sorors were engaged in a night singing

**Alpha Spotlight**

The members of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, takes this opportunity to salute Brothers Henry Dean, Larry Jernigan, Frederick Roberts, and Marco Rolle for having been elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1976-77.

Brother Henry Dean is a Senior Chemistry Major from Nassau, Bahamas and is currently serving as Director of Education for the Chapter. Brother Larry Jernigan, a Senior Agriculture Major from Marshall, Texas holds the position of Vice President; Brother Frederick Roberts, a Senior Accounting Major from Nassau, Bahamas serves as President of the Chapter and Brother Marco Rolle, a Junior from Nassau, Bahamas currently serves as Corresponding Secretary of the Chapter.

Congratulations Brothers for your outstanding performance in the field of Higher Education.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm, hearty welcome to all fellow PV-ites and we trust that this semester will be truly rewarding for all of us here at Prairie View A&M University.



Henry Dean



Larry Jernigan



Frederick Roberts



Marco Rolle

Christmas carols. The Christmas journey included Banks, Drew, and Collins Hall. The journey then ended around the pink and green Christmas tree at the Memorial Center.

Zeta Gamma and Zeta Gamma Omega will end this year's activities with a joint Christmas party. There will be

installation of officers along with gift giving and refreshments. On behalf of both chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha we hope you had a safe and joyous Christmas and we hope you have a prosperous new year.

Kay Williams  
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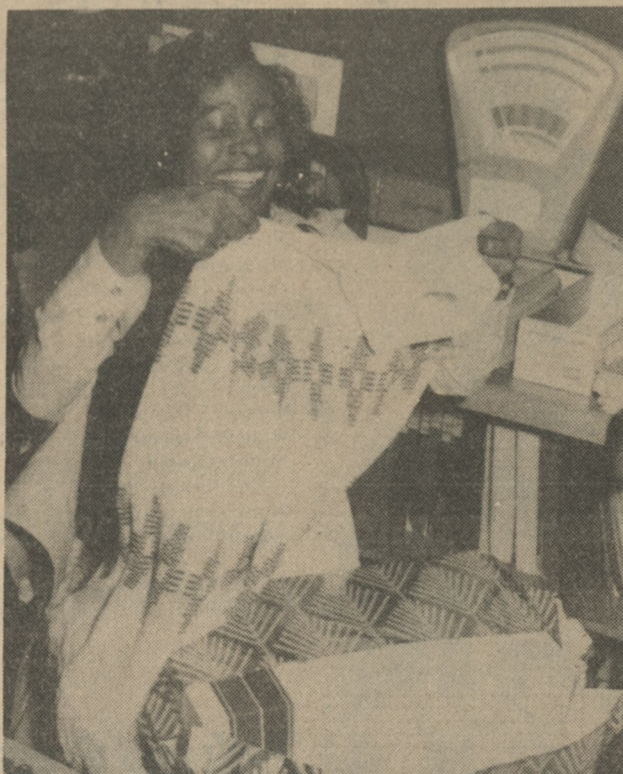
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# Pre-Holiday Festivities



**PRE-HISTORY FESTIVITIES** — Holiday parties around campus included the visit by Santa at the Nursery School and office parties everywhere. The ones pictured are the Registrars' office and Publications. The dances and goodbyes were typical collegiate scenes.



# Basketball

The Prairie View Women's Basketball team will have a tough schedule for the 1976-1977 season.

The Pantherettes will be in action for four games in six days.

Much of the Pantherettes success will depend on the Development of Freshmen Players. Debra Gardner, forward from Brenham, Texas; Crystal Dent, Evans Georgia; Melorie Davis, New Orleans; Pamlua Taylor, San Antonio, Texas; Cynthia Standly, Colds, Springs, Texas; and Debra Williams, Prairie View, Texas.

Each of the players must continue to make progress if we are to have any hope of a 500 season.

The Pantherettes will play

their first home game of the Spring Semester January 7, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. against a tough Lamar University who are the defending Zone III Champs from the 75-76 Campaign.

Following a road trip to Dallas to play Bishop College the Pantherettes will return to the Hill for a four game road stand starting with a swift Jackson State five January 13, 1977 at 5 p.m.

All of the Women games will start at 5 p.m. preceded by the Varsity Men's game at 7:30 p.m.

The captains for the Pantherettes are Doris Horace Jr., guard, from Tomball, Texas and Argilon Hammond, Senior, forward from Fulshar, Texas.

## Dennis "The Menace" Wayne Thrills PV Fans

It's a plane, it's a bird, no it's PVU's 6-6 junior center Dennis "The Menace" Wayne and his flying dunk shot.

Dennis has been the spark the Panthers needed if they are to seriously challenge the Southwestern Athletic Conference foes such as Jackson State, Southern and Alcorn. Thus far Dennis has done just that with his running dunk shots and shot blocking.

In his first start against Austin College Dennis scored 14 points (8 by running dunks), pulled down 13 rebounds and blocked five shots. "Dennis may have solved the problem that thought I would have had at center," said PVU head coach Elwood Plummer speaking about his hometown boy from San Antonio Jefferson high. "He is a great jumper and is one of the strongest players in the conference," said Plummer.

Last season Wayne sat the entire year out with an injury. In a short time he has made it known that he is healthy and ready to be a menace to Panther opponents who get in his way.

In four games Wayne is averaging 8.2 points a game, 7.5 rebounds and has blocked 7 shots to lead the team in that department. "He (Wayne) could have about 15 but the officials have called a lot of them fouls," said Plummer.

After four games the Panthers are 3-1 and without the performance of Dennis the Panthers could just as well be 1-3. Even Mr. Wilson (star of the once Dennis The Menace TV series) would be proud of Dennis' performance.

## New Member On State Board To Begin Work

Dr. Virginia Currey, who was sworn Tuesday as the District 24 representative on the State Board of Education, will begin her duties Saturday in Austin at the board's first meeting of the year, but the seating of another elected member still is in doubt.

The eligibility for board service of Dr. Currey, an Arlington resident and professor at Southern Methodist University, and Raymond Alexander, a Prairie View A&M professor, had been questioned because of a possible conflict with a state law that prohibits public employees from serving on the board.

The question concerning Dr. Currey was dropped because SMU is a private institution.

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## 1976-77 Basketball Roster

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25	Marvin Jackson	6-6	FORWARD	Senior/2L	Houston, Tx.
15	Robert Armstrong	6-5	Forward	Senior/2L	Dallas, Tx.
35	David Daniels	6-4	Forward	Senior/1L	Houston, Tx.
55	Dennis Wayne	6-6	Center	Junior/2L	San Antonio, Tx.
21	Johnny Miles	5-11	Guard	Senior/2L	Houston, Tx.
11	Kerwin Eli	6-1	Guard	Junior/JC	Port Arthur, Tx.
43	Kermit McAdory	6-6	Forward	Senior/3L	Leland, Ms.
23	James Gray	6-2	Guard	Senior/3L	Houston, Tx.
41	George Campbell	6-4	Forward	Junior/JC	Houston, Tx.
10	Willie Davis	5-9	Guard	Senior/1L	Houston, Tx.
33	Carl Pierson	6-2	Guard	Junior/JC	Baton Rouge, La.
45	James Beal	6-6	Center	Senior/2L	Texarkana, Tx.
32	George Bolton	6-2	Guard	Soph./1L	Chicago, Ill.
13	Cesar Holmes	6-7	Guard	Senior/3L	Houston, Tx.
5	Floyd Brown	6-7	Center	Soph./JC	New Orleans, La.
31	Walter Kemper	6-4	Guard	Senior/1L	San Antonio, Tx.

HEAD COACH: Elwood Plummer



# PV in Big SWAC Games Coming Up

Coach Elwood Plummer's run and gun Panther cagers will test their strength with two of SWAC's best when the Panthers host Jackson State and Southern University, Thursday and Friday, January 13-14, in the Panthers Little Dome at 7:30 P.M.

The Panthers will be playing four games in five days and five games in seven days. The Panthers played Mississippi Valley last Saturday, played at Texas College Monday and at Bishop Wednesday.

The Jackson State Tigers of Coach Paul Covington, Plummer's Alma Mater, have the best team in the Southwestern Athletic Conference and SWAC Coaches have given the Mississippians the preseason nod, but that doesn't mean anything in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

The Tigers are paced by premier veterans Purvis Short, (6-6), Al Smith (6-5) and Sylvester Norris (6-9). Short, the younger brother of former Jackson All America Eugene, is tagged as the top player in the SWAC according to pro scouts. Al Smith is a great leaper and

Norris is only a sophomore with great talent. The Panthers split with the Tigers last year. The Tigers bring a 11-1 record into the contest. They edged rival Alcorn 86-84 at Jackson last week.

The Southern Jaguars of coach Carl Stewart boast Frankie Sanders, a 6-6 sophomore guard who can do it all. The Jaguars have only one loss for the season and will present stiff competition for SWAC foes.

The Panthers will be looking for their first conference win of the season and Plummer feels he must get more scoring from his guards if the Panthers are to be a serious contender in the SWAC.

The Panthers have already violated one of the formulas for winning the SWAC and that is win all of the at home and at least three on the road.

The Panthers have gotten good play from their front line of David Daniels, Dennis Wayne and Marvin "Mr. J." Jackson. Premier shooter Robert Armstrong has been moved to guard to boost the Panthers outside shooting.

Daniels and Wayne had good

## PV Eases By Texas College

Forward Marvin Jackson scored 30 points and grabbed 21 rebounds before fouling out to lead Prairie View A&M University to a 124-108 victory over Texas College in the Little Dome.

Jackson fouled out of Monday's game with four minutes left. But by then the Panthers were well in command after blowing open a close contest in the early going on the way to their third win of the

season in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 8 South Zone.

Prairie View, 5-3 overall, has lost once in zone.

After falling behind 65-48 at the half, the closest the Steers could come was 13 points.

Three Texas College players hit for double figures, led by Mike Harris with 35. Danny Thomas followed with 26. James Eldridge 21 and L. C. Jones 14.



1976-77 PVU PANTHER BASKETBALL SQUAD

**BOTTOM ROW — LEFT TO RIGHT:** George Campbell, Walter Kemper, James Gray, Willie Davis, Johnny Miles, Kerwin Eli, Carl Pierson and George Bolton.

**STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT:** Kermit McAdory, Floyd Brown, R. E. Brooks, Ceasor Holmes, Winfred Butler [no longer on team], Robert Armstrong, Marvin Jackson, David Daniels, James Brooks, Dennis Wayne, Al Cross and Coach Elwood Plummer.



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SQUAD 1976-77 — Standing [L-R] Coach Jessie Hurst, Debra Garden, Doris Denmon, Deborah Williams, Mary Gray, Argilon Hammond.**

**Kneeling — Melanie Davis, Crystal Dent, Doris Horace, Cynthia Stanley, and Carolyn Woodard.**

## Armstrong Broadens PV Cage Attack

Robert Armstrong, a 6-5 senior from Dallas, is the Prairie View A&M "utility man."

games in the Panthers last home game against Mississippi Valley. Daniels scored 25 points and Wayne had a career high of 24. Wayne also blocked three shots.

After Friday nights game with Jackson the Panthers will take off until January 18, when they travel down the road to meet rival TSU.

He can play either guard or forward for coach Elwood Plummer, who says he feels confident about starting Armstrong at either spot.

"Armstrong is a very fine player who can do it all," Plummer said. "We use him where he's needed most. He's

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not only versatile but dependable, both on offense and defense."

Armstrong, a two-year letterman, prefers forward. "You have to do too much running at guard," he says.

He said he would enjoy playing professional basketball, but if that opportunity doesn't materialize, he would like to coach basketball. He's a physical education major.

Armstrong played high school basketball at Dallas L. G. Pinkston and was chosen

All-District for two seasons.

He's averaging 21 points per game, with his most impressive performance a 39-point binge against Paul Quinn last season.

"My goal for this season is for the Panthers to win the conference title, Armstrong said.

The Panthers bowed to Mississippi Valley, 95-90, in their SWAC opener last week. They take on co-favorite Jackson State in the Little Dome here Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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Jackson State	9	1	.900	721/348	.483	205/130	.634	451	701/826	70.1/ 82.6
Southern	9	1	.900	704/388	.551	251/165	.657	470	764/941	76.4/ 94.1
Texas Southern	7	1	.875	566/332	.587	151/ 92	.606	379	592/756	74.0/ 94.5
Prairie View	4	2	.667	490/264	.539	133/ 78	.586	69	565/606	94.2/101.0
Miss. Valley	6	3	.667	483/306	.634	187/ 92	.492	413	523/540	65.4/ 67.5

Note: Alcorn State University and Grambling State University stats not received.



# Women's Varsity Basketball Schedule, 1976-77

DATE	OPPONENTS	LOCATION
November	18 San Jacinto South .....	Prairie View, Texas
	20 Temple Junior College .....	Temple, Texas
December	7 San Antonio Junior College .....	San Antonio, Texas
	11 Pan American University .....	Edinburg, Texas
January	6 Ft. Hood, Texas .....	Killeen, Texas
	7 Lamar University* .....	Prairie View, Texas
	12 Bishop Texas .....	Dallas, Texas
	13 Jackson State University** .....	Prairie View, Texas
	15 Southern University** .....	Prairie View, Texas
	17 Texas Southern University** .....	Prairie View, Texas
	20 Lamar University* .....	Beaumont, Texas
	21 Rice University* .....	Houston, Texas
	22 Alcorn University** .....	Lorman, Miss.
	24 San Antonio College .....	Prairie View, Texas
	26 Texas A&M University** .....	College Station, Tx.
	27 Wiley College .....	Prairie View, Texas
	31 Rice University* .....	Houston, Texas
February	3 Wiley College .....	Marshall, Texas
	5 Jackson State University** .....	Jackson, Miss.
	7 Southern University** .....	Baton Rouge, La.
	9 Bishop College .....	Prairie View, Texas
	11, 12 Houston Invitational Tourney .....	Houston, Texas
	15 Ft. Hood, Texas .....	Prairie View, Texas
	16 Texas Southern University** .....	Houston, Texas
	18, 19 Pan American University .....	Prairie View, Texas
	24, 25, 26 Zone Basketball Tournament .....	Nacogdoches, Tx.
March	1 Southwest Texas State University .....	Prairie View, Texas
	3, 4, 5 State Basketball Tournament .....	
	23, 24, 25, 26 National Basketball Tournament .....	

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